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Madras Land Utilization Order.

* 1492 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the object of passing the Madras Land Utilization Order in January 1955?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" As the Essential Supplies (Temporary Powers) Act of 1946 (Central Act XXIV of 1946) under which the Madras Land Utilization Order, 1950, had been issued, lapsed on 25th January 1955, the Madras Land Utilization Order was re-issued, on 26th January 1955 under Section 7 of the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Act, 1949 (Madras Act XXIX of 1949), so as to keep alive the Madras Land Utilization Order. The object of which is to enforce legally the cultivation of arable waste lands."

Underground drainage pipes for Avadi Congress Session.

* 1493 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether underground drainage pipes were laid at Avadi for the Session of the Indian National Congress;

(*b*) if so, the total length to which the underground drainage pipes were laid;

(*c*) the cost involved in laying the underground drainage pipes; and

(*d*) whether the Indian National Congress paid any amount to the Government for the laying of such underground drainage pipes, and if so, how much?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Particulars are not available with the Government as the work was done by the Congress authorities themselves.

" (*d*) Does not arise."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions over."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

MESSAGES FROM THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following messages, dated 18th March 1955, from the Hon. the Chairman, Madras Legislative Council :—

' 1. In accordance with rule 130 of the Madras Council Rules, I return the Madras Plantations Agricultural Income-tax Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 30 of 1954), as passed by the Council on the 18th March 1955 without any recommendation and signed by me.

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' 2. In accordance with rule 130 of the Madras Council Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 4 of 1955), as passed and agreed to by the Council on the 18th March 1955, without any amendment and signed by me.' "

III.—PRESENTATION OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1954–55.

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I present the Supplementary Statement of Demands for Grants for the current financial year, 1954–55, and Detailed Estimates thereof. Copies of the Statement of Demands and the Estimates have been laid on the table of the House.

" 2. As explained in the Introductory Memorandum, the present Supplementary Estimates relate to—

(*a*) Schemes of expenditure already provided for in the Budget for the year 1954–55, for which additional provision is now required with reference to the expenditure already incurred or expected to be incurred before the end of the year;

(*b*) ' New Service ' schemes sanctioned by the Government in the course of the year; and

(*c*) Payment of costs awarded by the Courts in suits in which the Government were impleaded as a party.

" In respect of new services, the demand proposed is for the actual additional appropriation required to meet the expenditure in the current year on individual schemes, after taking into account the savings now anticipated in the concerned Grants. Where sufficient savings are expected or no expenditure is likely to be incurred in the current year, the demand proposed is only for a token sum of Rs. 100.

" The estimated expenditure in the current year in respect of New Service schemes included in the present statement is about Rs. 62 lakhs in the Revenue Account and Rs. 24 lakhs in the Capital Account, making a total of Rs. 86 lakhs. Advances to the extent of Rs. 70 lakhs have been sanctioned from the Madras Contingency Fund to meet a part of the expenditure on these schemes, pending regularization by the Legislature. But most of the demands proposed are in respect of larger expenditure on items provided for in the Budget for 1954–55 and approved by the Legislature, due to various causes as explained in the Detailed Estimates.

" There are now 27 Demands pertaining to Revenue Account, including 2 wholly ' charged ' items for Rs. 79,100, involving a total sum of Rs. 6,11·04 lakhs under ' Voted ' and Rs. 10·56 lakhs under ' Charged '.

" Under Capital Account (excluding State Trading Schemes), there are 5 Demands involving a total sum of Rs. 98·37 lakhs under ' voted ' and Rs. 0·25 lakh under ' charged '. In respect of State Trading Schemes, there is a large demand for a sum of